

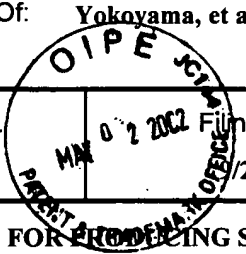
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 1.97(c)(3), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Substitute Form PTO 1449 (in duplicate). This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final rejection and/or the issuance of a notice of allowance. The fee in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0462 if any fee is due with respect to this filing. Moreover, please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0462.

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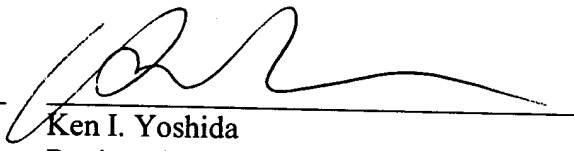
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Substitute PTO 1449 form. Please note that JP08-501601 is submitted again in the current IDS with a copy of abstract.

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